

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

Two French columns had marched to quell an insurrection in Southern Algeria on the 8th.

NINETEEN nations were represented in the recent trade-mark convention at Paris, France.

The anti-Monopolists of Nebraska have raised \$130,000 to publish a new morning paper at Lincoln.

The Minnesota Chippewas complained to the Interior Department lately of trespass on their lands.

An electric tram-car recently tested in London, Eng., ran a distance of four miles, fulfilling the conditions claimed for it.

The Secretary of the Interior has leased several tracts of the Yellowstone Park for periods of ten years at two dollars per acre.

The recent flight of Patrick Egan was charged as a moral acknowledgment of Land-League complicity with the Irish Invincibles.

A BILL has been introduced in the Arkansas Legislature which provides the death-penalty for robbers of railroad trains, stages and steamboats.

The Georgia Democratic State Executive Committee has called a convention to meet at Atlanta, April 10, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

The river was slowly falling at Memphis and Helena on the 9th, but reports of great distress in the inundated districts were constantly coming in.

A MEETING of the committee of English bonds of Virginia bonds at London the other day resolved to take all possible measures to vindicate their claim.

The Secretary of the Navy has instructed the Naval Advisory Board to immediately prepare plans for the five new warships provided for by the late Congress.

At a recent meeting of twenty-one delegates representing the South Yorkshire and Lancashire (Eng.) iron trades, it was resolved to restrict the output of finished iron.

Two new breaks occurred in the Panther Forest Levee, above Helena, Ark., on the 9th, making four in all, and the whole aggregating two miles in length and five feet in depth.

The New Jersey Senate has passed, almost unanimously, a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or tobacco in any form to minors, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense.

REAR-ADMIRAL J. W. A. NICHOLSON, who was in command of the United States naval vessels present at the bombardment of Alexandria, Egypt, in July, 1882, has been placed on the retired list.

The National Cremation Association, to be operated on the co-operative plan, for the purpose of disposing of the remains of members after demise by cremation, has been organized in Philadelphia, Pa.

The homeopathic physicians of Massachusetts petitioned the Legislature of that State recently for the establishment of an additional insane asylum, to be under the control of their school of medicine.

DR. EREN TOURGEE, who sixteen years ago founded the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Mass., now the largest music school in the world, has presented the institution to the Board of Trustees.

The river declined slowly at Helena on the 12th and the levees there still held. There were several hundred negro refugees to care for. From Memphis and Arkansas City the reports were encouraging and it was claimed the worst was past.

A MEETING of shoe manufacturers in New York the other day determined to resist in the courts the royalty demanded by the Donald McKay Company for the use of their machines. The company's patent expired July 6, 1878. Since that time over \$3,000,000 have been paid them.

A SUIT for \$50,000 damages has been brought by Colonel Thomas Worthington, of Cincinnati, O., against Third Auditor Keightley, of the Treasury Department, for alleged statements contained in official reports that tended to defeat the plaintiff's claim for pay for supplies furnished Camp Dennison, O., during the war of the rebellion.

PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF, with whose career the history of Russia the past quarter of a century has been intimately linked, died at Baden Baden a few days ago, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, after having been for more than sixty years in official employment, beginning as a legation attaché and ending as Chancellor of the Russian Empire.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided a case involving the claim of the State of California to a tract of land of about 100,000 acres lying upon the borders of Lake Tulare. The decision approves the Creighton survey, and awards the lands to the State of California under the swamp-land grant act of September 28, 1850.

The river was about at a stand at Memphis and Helena on the 11th, the decline being extremely slight. Back water continued to rise in the bayous and around Vicksburg there was more trouble with the levees. Four more breaks had occurred on the Arkansas side above Helena. These four breaks overflowed what is known as the Old Town Ridge and the island in front between Old Town and the river. There is an unbroken link of splendid plantations all through there, and not one of them had escaped. On the island there was a general wreck of everything on the plantations. Several houses had toppled over or floated off, and horses and cows as well. At the break in the Totten Ridge levee, six miles above, the water was running over the country like a mill-race.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

At Somerset, Ky., in a recent quarrel over the wife of Peter Goff, Henry Thompson was shot dead by Goff, who in turn was killed by James Spiney, Thompson's friend.

IDA H. HOSMER, three feet tall, and Robert H. Huzza, three feet six inches, were married a few days ago on the stage of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Museum, in which they were attractions.

GEORGE CARSON, alias Heywood, an alleged notorious bank sneak-thief, was arrested in New York City the other day, charged with the larceny of \$70,000.

The Court-house at Texarkana, Tex., was the scene of a sensational affair on the 7th, culminating in the killing of A. L. Johnson by C. E. Dixon, Sheriff of Miller County. The trouble, it was said, was caused by Dixon making war on a gambling-house in which Johnson was silently interested.

An attempt was made by four desperadoes on the 7th to rob a mail train on the Little Rock & Fort Smith Railroad near Van Buren, Ark. They failed in the attempt, but killed Conductor John Cain and brakeman Milton Lester, who gave the alarm.

The railroad company has offered a reward of \$5,000 and Crawford County one of \$1,000 for the capture of the villains.

The jury in the case of Colonel Theodore Hyatt, President of the Pennsylvania Military Academy, charged with an aggravated assault and battery on a cadet, returned a verdict of acquittal on the 8th.

GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN on the 7th signed the pardon of Clarence Hite, who pleaded guilty of train robbery at the February term of the Daviess County Circuit Court, in 1882.

In endeavoring to make their escape from a fire in the Cambridge Flats in New York City the other day Mrs. Abram Wake-man and her daughter were suffocated. A number of other persons had narrow escapes.

The bodies of three victims of the recent fire at Nashville, Tenn., were recovered on the 8th. They had been crushed to death by falling walls while rescuing property from the adjoining building.

JUDGE LILEY, of Washington, was confined to his bed on the 8th in consequence of injuries received in a personal encounter with S. W. Dorsey, who charged him with persuading Henry to testify for the Government in the star-route cases.

Two murderers were executed in New York City on the 9th, Michael McGloin for the murder of Louis Hanter, and Pasquale Majone for killing his thirteen-year-old wife, Bob Cochran, colored, was hanged at Clayton, Ala., on the same day, for the murder of M. L. Drew.

The Mayor of Xerez, Spain, received a letter recently containing a threat to poison the drinking water if the prosecution of the "Black Hand" Society was continued.

JOSEPH H. LOOMIS was executed at Springfield, Mass., on the 8th for the murder of his friend David Levitt, in Agawam, in December, 1881.

THERE were 252 business failures in the United States and Canada for the seven days ended on the 9th, against 272 for the previous seven days.

The steamer Navarre, bound from Copenhagen to Leith, foundered during a gale on the 8th, and of the eighty persons on board fully fifty-five perished.

SEVEN laborers were drowned on the 9th by the sinking of a scow in New York harbor.

THREE men, supposed to be the Arkansas train robbers, were arrested near Russellville, Ark., on the 9th.

ONE man was killed and three severely hurt on the 9th by an explosion of giant powder at McKeesport, Pa.

The Commercial Iron Works Company, Shoreditch, Eng., has failed for £250,000.

The Reading (Pa.) Hardware Company has increased molders' wages ten per cent.

ONE of the desperadoes who killed Conductor Cain in an attempt to rob a train near Van Buren, Ark., was captured on the 8th. It seems he was wounded in the melee on the train and being unable to travel he came to a farm-house near the scene of the murder, where he gave himself up, having been deserted by his companions.

HEAVY rains in the Kalamazoo District, Ind., recently, destroyed 250 houses.

Two hundred girls started from Limerick, Ireland, the other day for New Hampshire, where they will be employed in vase factories.

A. E. KENT, of San Francisco, Cal., of the class of '53, has given Yale College \$60,000 to be used in erecting a chemical laboratory.

WILLIAM LYON, of Cleveland, O., shot his divorced wife through the cheek the other day, and, supposing that he had killed her, shot himself through the brain, dying instantly. Uncontrollable jealousy.

LADY FLORENCE DIXIE, in a recent letter to the London Times, charged Biggar and Parnell, as trustees of the Land League fund, with not accounting for £125,000.

In Chicago, Ill., the jury in the case of Eugene Dougherty for the murder of the Greek waiter, Nicholas Johns, the other evening brought in a verdict of guilty, with a life sentence.

M. T. RAY, assistant cashier of the Merchants' and Planters' Bank, Montgomery, Ala., killed himself the other day, and an examination of the books showed his cash to be \$10,000 short.

The Secretary of the Treasury has approved the rules and regulations and amendments to the same adopted at a recent meeting of the Supervisors and Inspectors of Steam Vessels.

Mrs. LUCINDA FORMAN and her daughter were found murdered with an ax on a farm near Indianapolis, Ind., on the 10th.

THE Chicago (Ill.) Cremation Society has proposed to organize with a capital of \$100,000.

THE Dublin (Ireland) Invincibles were reported recently as finding no difficulty in obtaining recruits.

MEETINGS of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers were held in the various districts on the 10th to agree on rate cards to be submitted in the National convention at Pittsburgh.

It was announced at Washington on the 10th that Judge Liley would prosecute S. W. Dorsey for the assault committed on him some days ago. He was still laid up by his injuries.

Two ladies, the last descendants of Amerigo Vesputi, have asked the restoration of a small pension granted their family by the Florentines in 1690.

ELEVEN men were burned to death in a lodging house at a wood camp near Deadwood, Dak., the other night.

The commander of the French squadron on the Madagascar coast has been ordered to seize the ports, but not to send troops into the interior.

THE Socialists attempted to hold another meeting in Paris, France, on the 10th, but they were prevented. The cavalry were compelled to charge the mob twice, and many people were knocked down, but no killing was reported.

CAPTAIN KOSK, who was in command when the United States ship Tacoma was lost on the Pacific Coast recently, has been found guilty of gross negligence and suspended for two years.

THREE judges of election in Philadelphia, Pa., have recently been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for making false returns.

THREE officers of the navy and one of the army are among the Nihilists soon to be tried at St. Petersburg, Russia.

At Grove Station, Pa., on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, fire destroyed two frame buildings the other morning, in one of which two children named Crawford, aged three and five years, were burned to death.

By a wreck on the Texas Central Railroad, near Austin, Tex., the other day, one brakeman was fatally injured and another had his leg and arm crushed. Eight cars were utterly demolished.

A MOTION for a new trial in the case of J. D. Watson, recently convicted at Columbus, O., of offering bribes to Representative Black, was overruled the other day and the accused sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary.

JULIUS MARCUS, the absconding New York whisky broker, has been arrested at Portland, Ore.

AFTER two previous attempts to wreck trains on the Niles & New Lisbon Railroad, some wretches succeeded the other day in ditching a freight at New Austin, O. William Thompson was killed and the engineer and fireman had miraculous escapes.

THREE sailors were drowned the other day by the sinking of a schooner off Portland, Me.

THE Dublin (Ireland) murder-conspiracy trials have been set for April 9. The prisoners would be tried on three counts, the Phoenix Park murders, the attempted murder of Juror Field, and conspiracy.

THE Government has ordered that prompt measures be taken for the relief of the starving people of Loughrea, Ireland.

THE Arkansas Legislature has passed a bill changing the name of Dorsey County to De Soto County.

Mrs. BERKEMER, of Knox County, Ind., died a few days ago at the age of 109 years.

THE body of William H. Burdick was found in the ruins of the Southern Railroad Depot at Cincinnati, O., the other morning and his wife became insane with grief.

WHILE a number of men were at work in a partially burned foundry at Cleveland, O., the other morning one of the walls fell and buried Fred Berkhart in the ruins. His companions dug his mangled remains out a few minutes afterward.

A DRUNKEN father named Herring, in Hall County, Ga., poured a shovelful of hot coals on his infant child the other day and burned it to death.

A JURY had been secured in the Dukes-Nutt murder case at Uniontown, Pa., on the 12th and the taking of testimony would commence at once.

THE festivities at a Pittsburgh (Pa.) christening the other day were interrupted by the killing of Nicholas Kretsch.

SIX negroes and a Chinaman were killed by a boiler explosion the other day in a Cuban sugar-house.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE situation on the lower rivers continued to improve on the 13th. A dispatch from Vicksburg, Miss., said there was a gradual decline above and a scarcely perceptible rise at any point below.

THE President has been requested by Secretary Lincoln to order a military court to inquire into General Hazen's management of the Signal-service Bureau.

THE issue of standard silver dollars from the mints for the week ended on the 10th was \$260,000; for the corresponding period last year, \$144,430.

It was reported in Washington the other day that Secretary Folger was in very poor health and that his physicians had ordered him to go to the sea-shore in order to receive the benefit of salt air.

THERE had been twelve hundred anarchist arrests in Andalusia, Spain, to a recent date.

The Commissioner of Pensions has ruled that a pension agent cannot collect a fee for prosecuting a claim for increase of pension.

The Secretary of the Navy is preparing to send a cargo of gifts to the Tchukchee Indians at St. Lawrence Bay, as a return for assistance to the crew of the burned war ship Rodgers.

COPIES of the new tariff law have been mailed to all collectors of customs, with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury as to the construction of sections that were not clearly understood.

RECENT intelligence from Paris, France, states the emente there was due to the fact that 60,000 people were out of employment. Travelers were giving that city a wide berth owing to its unsettled condition.

At Philadelphia, Pa., John S. Syren murdered his brother's wife the other morning and then committed suicide.

THE Attorney-General has decided that the appointment of the chief examiner under the Civil-service act is vested in the President.

A PASSENGER hack was caught at a railroad crossing near Alamo, Ind., by a train of cars the other morning and two passengers, the driver and team were instantly killed.

A BROKEN rail caused a wreck on the Whitewater Road, near Connorsville, Ind., a few days ago, in which a dozen passengers were more or less seriously hurt.

Two boys were arrested at Jersey City, N. J., the other morning as they were buying tickets for Chicago. They were on their way West to annihilate Indians and had four revolvers, two bowie-knives, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and \$184 in gold.

IVES, BECHER & CO., New York liquor dealers, failed recently for half a million.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE.

IN the Senate no bills were passed, there being barely a quorum present. Three bills were introduced and several advanced to engrossment. A message from the Governor in relation to reported riots at Sulphur Springs and the insubordination of the St. Louis police force was ordered printed. The resolution for a Superior Criminal Court was reported adversely. The bill to establish two Appellate Courts was reported favorably.

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MONDAY, March 5.

IN the Senate the bill to prohibit use of undue influence on voters was reported favorably; also a bill creating a Board of Health. The following bills were passed: Making it a misdemeanor to beat hotels; relating to the Supreme Court docket; to suppress obnoxious buildings at the Penitentiary; relating to service of depositions.

In the House the bill to establish an Inebriate Asylum at Excelsior Springs was reported favorably and ordered printed. A resolution to discontinue all but three committee clerks was indefinitely postponed. The Senate bill for temporary buildings at the Penitentiary was passed. A bill appropriating \$200,000 for rebuilding the burned portion of the Penitentiary was introduced. The bill to establish a Bureau of Labor Statistics was passed. The bill to prohibit collection of back taxes after five years was passed, after a long discussion. The Lander's Supreme Court Commission bill was made the special order for the day. The bill to consolidate the law books was passed. The Appropriation bill was reported and considered in committee.

TUESDAY, March 6.

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FRIDAY, March 9.

IN the Senate a long debate was had on the passage of the bill taxing the gross earnings of railroad companies the same as other property is now taxed. A vote on the bill was finally reached, which resulted as follows: Finance, James Chalmers, James Hamilton, Samuel Hayes, Fred D. Peters, Charles Hammon, W. H. Andrews, Harvey Wood.

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## THE FLOODS.

Destitution, Sickness and Death—The Flood and Destruction in Cincinnati.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 11.

The committee in charge of supplies for sufferers from the Ohio river flood, returned Saturday. They report great suffering and sickness at nearly all river towns. At New Franklin, Ind., a village of 120 inhabitants, there are thirty destitute, fifteen sick and two deaths. The disease is pneumonia.

At Uniontown, Ky., with a population of 1,500, nearly everybody suffered, with fifty destitute.

In Shawneetown, Ill., 1,500 people are destitute and depending on the public for provisions and medicines. One hundred and twenty-five are sick, and twenty-four have died of pneumonia, catarrhal fever, and dysentery. The latter disease has a most reached an epidemic. At 125 houses have been swept away or damaged. At least 700 persons are liable to disease.

At Caseyville, Ill., no relief had been furnished. There were forty-five cases of sickness, mostly typhoid fever, and one death. One hundred houses had been under water, and half of them ruined.

Rosiclare, Ill., had been entirely covered by water. The committee found a family of ten persons, father and mother sick, living in the engine-room of an old saw-mill.

New Liberty, Ill., had been entirely submerged, and sickness to an alarming extent prevailed.

The information is obtained from reputable physicians and agents of the Board of Trade Relief Committee, of this city, sent to distribute supplies. Governor Porter and a committee of the Board of Trade are now on an inspection tour from Lawrenceburg to Cairo, on the Ohio River with a load of provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.

A dispatch from Helena says the first loss of human life by flood in that region occurred by the upsetting of a house twelve miles south in which were six adults and four children. The latter were drowned, and the former were rescued by a party of hunters, who took them off the roof after they had clung to it three days. The St. Francis swamp contains hundreds of horses and mules and cattle standing up to their throats in water, their owners being unable to rescue them. Many carcasses are floating about. The Legislative Committee is examining into the condition of the people in the overflowed district, and will report in favor of giving State aid to actual sufferers.

AFTER THE FLOOD IN CINCINNATI.

W. E. Mitchell, City Missionary, in relating facts and figures in Cincinnati, says: "A tour of investigation, covering the largest part of four days, in the district of Fifth street and the Southern Railroad bridges, has shown us pictures of ruin and destruction such as we never saw before."

"On the lower part of Carr street, in Sloo street, and on Front street the families were those of the laboring poor. The houses were in fact, with that sturdy independence characteristic of the class, they would have scouted the idea of either municipal or private relief."

"The first dwelling we entered was of one such, the father of six children, the eldest thirteen. A more complete wreck was difficult to find. With but one exception that of a half-chick lounge every article was broken to pieces. We had seen a wrecked steamship on the coast, and the beach strewn with merchandise and ships' stores. But the great calamity was before us, and we were made in the silence. The noiseless river, loosened by the furniture, and then by the current, drifted part of it away from the shore, and the residue in the middle of the floor. Bureaus and bedsteads faded worst, but whatever depended for cohesion upon glue was gone."

"Many of these people owned good furniture, especially mattresses. These were ruined, and the ruin of the mattress was a matter of great consequence. The latter a sort of greasy substance covering them. Sewing machines, the repair of which is so costly, were ruined. The trunks were seriously damaged so that they will be useless for a long time."

"Books and pen-knives were spoiled, and the pictures upon the walls, which, while not works of high art, were dear from association, were fit only to be burned."

"In such homes, to attempt to restore them, stepped the wives of the artisans. As we saw from standing and the ruin, scarcely knowing where to begin, and as we realized that most of them had a struggle for existence, we wondered at their courage."

"In one instance a mother of six children, all of them with the whooping-cough, was trying to make things comfortable for her children. Her husband was a cooper, and he had been seriously injured by the flood."

"I need not say how exceedingly valuable the generous aid proffered by the public to these sufferers, and with the experience of years in the case of disaster, I have only to remark that the work of extending relief has been done with far less friction than we had reason to expect."

A HORRIBLE FATE.

A Railroad Building—House Destroyed, by Fire—Eleven of the Inmates Miserably Perish in the Flames—Several Others More or Less Seriously Burned.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 11.

A DEADLY special to the Pioneer Press says: At eleven o'clock last evening fire was discovered in the large two-story brick house on the Homestead Railway, nine miles from this city, and in less than thirty minutes the entire structure was destroyed. The following named persons perished in the flames: Thomas Hansen, Lewis Hansen, H. C. Wright, Thomas Finless, James Chalmers, James Hamilton, Samuel Hayes, Fred D. Peters, Charles Hammon, W. H. Andrews, Harvey Wood.

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## Interesting Pension Statistics.

From the foundation of the Government until 1880 the United States paid in pensions the sum of \$38,883,330.65. Since that time the enormous sum of \$52,711,